BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)		
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Establishment of Rules Governing Procedures)	
to be Followed When Informal Complaints are	·)	CI Docket No. 02-32
Filed by Consumers Against Entities Regulated	d)	
by the Commission	ŕ	

The Office of the People's Counsel for the District of Columbia's Motion to Accept the Filing as Timely Filed

unsel for the District of Columbia ("OPC-DC" or "Office"), in furtherance of its mandate as the statutory representative of District of Columbia ratepayers in utility proceedings, hereby respectfully submits its "Motion to Accept the Filing as Timely Filed" pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") rules.

Specifically, the Office requests to submit its Comments in response to the FCC's Memorandum Opinion and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") issued February 28, 2002, in the above proceeding. The Commission directed parties to submit comments by May 16, 2002. The Office filed Comments on May 16, 2002, using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). On May 17, 2002, OPC-DC's received an electronic notice from ECFS indicating its Wordperfect file was possibly corrupted, and therefore, its Comments were not filed.² OPC-DC respectfully requests the Commission to accept its attached Comments.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Office respectfully requests that the Commission grant OPC's

¹ D.C. CODE ANN. § 34-804(d) (2001).

² OPC-DC's ECFS Confirmation Number is 2002516834660.

Motion to Accept the Filing as Timely Filed. OPC-DC submits that no party will be prejudiced by its request.

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